

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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June 22, 2004

**FROM:** KEITH GORDON, M.D., Interim Director  
Department of Behavioral Health

**SUBJECT: CONTRACTS FOR GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Find it is in the County's best interests to contract with Morongo Basin Mental Health Systems, Inc. as a sole source provider for General Mental Health services to recipients of CalWORKs in the Morongo Basin area.
2. Approve a sole source contract with Morongo Basin Mental Health Services, Inc. in the amount of \$397,120 for the provision of General Mental Health (GMH) Services to recipients of CalWORKs in the Morongo Basin area for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to continue to provide GMH services to residents of the Morongo Basin area of San Bernardino County who are receiving services from the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD).

DBH operates a continuum of care system that consists of County operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health outreach and treatment services within each geographic region of the County. Each provider has a specific responsibility and role within the County's treatment delivery system.

This contract will implement treatment of mental or emotional disabilities that may limit or impair a CalWORKs recipient's ability to make the transition from welfare to work or retain employment over a long-term period in the Morongo Basin area.

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Morongo Basin Mental Health Services, Inc. (MBMH) was chosen as the Contractor because they are the sole Contractor able to provide the appropriate mental health treatment services in this area of the County. They will be responsible for the following:

- Accepting CalWORKs referrals from TAD for mental health evaluation,
- Assessing CalWORKs participants to determine if mental health barriers exist,
- Determine level of said mental health needs and appropriate level of treatment and rehabilitation for participants,
- Provide an array of mental health services designed to provide time-limited assistance,
- Provide necessary counseling, and
- Assist participants whose mental illness makes them unemployable to apply for Social Security Income (SSI) benefits.

The contractor will provide TAD with a program report for each CalWORKs participant served during the term of this contract. The report will include time spent in treatment, type of services delivered, participant's progress and status, treatment interventions completed, and, whether employment was obtained (if known).

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5433) on June 7, 2004. This item was also reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, 388-0211) on June 14, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of this item will provide General Mental Health Outpatient Services to San Bernardino County recipients of CalWORKs in the amount of \$397,120 for FY 2004/05. This service is funded with Federal and State Funds committed to mental health services for CalWORKs recipients in San Bernardino County, which are included in the Department's proposed FY 2004/05 budget. There is no local cost to the County.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no local cost and ensures uninterrupted service to County residents.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First and Third

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